(d) the States where productivity level of wheat and rice is the lowest;

(e) the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken to increase the productivity level in these States?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) No, Sir. The effect of green revolution has been widespread in the country as rate of growth of productivity of wheat, rice and other food grains in most of the States has been quite significant in the post green revolution period i.e. 1967-68 to 1990-91.

(b) The rate of adoption of modern technology is influenced by a number of factors including soil and agro-climatic conditions, irrigation facilities, infrastructure development and other economic and social factors. The States which are lagging in adoption of modern technology are gradually picking up.

(c) The productivity (yield per hectare) of wheat and rice in the States of Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh during 1990-91 was as under:-

PRODUCTIVITY LEVEL OF WHEAT AND RICE IN HARYANA, PUNJAB, UTTAR-PRADESH AND ANDHRA PRADESH

(Yield in Kgs, per hectare)

1990-91 States	*Wheat*	*Rice*
Haryana	3479	2778
Punjab	3715	3229
Uttar Pradesh	2162	1826
Andhra Pradesh	@	2448

@ Crop being unimportant yield has not been calculated.

(d) Among the major producing States, the lowest productivity during 1990-91 in wheat and rice was in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh respectively.

(e) The low productivity is attributed to unfavorable agrotimatic conditions for that crop in the State, low percentage of irrigated area under the crop, low level of fertiliser consumption per hectare, besides other socio-economic factors.

(f) To increase the productivity in the low yielding States, the steps are being taken to improve the resources of the small & marginal farmers, distribution of seeds minikits of location specific high yielding varieties, transfer of technology of rice and wheat through organising training programmes, besides efforts to improve the infrastructure including the expansion of irrigation , input delivery system and marketing facilities.

[*English*]

Upliftment of Tribals

*520. SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:
SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation made by the Union Government for upliftment of tribals during 1992-93; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken during the Eighth Five Year Plan to speed up the development of the tribal?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE(SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The schemes will be implemented expeditiously through the States and effective monitoring will be ensured.

STATEMENT

(Rs. in crores)

S.No.	*Name of the Scheme*	*Allocation for 1992-93*
* 1.	Post- Matric Scholarships for SCs & STs.	46.00
2.	Assistance to Voluntary Organisations.	2. 25
* 3.	Pre-Matric Scholarships for the children of those engaged in unclean occupations	11.00
* 4.	Book Banks for SCs/STs.	5.00
5.	Girls Hostels for STs.	2.50
6.	Boys Hostels for STs.	2.67
*7.	Coaching and Allied Scheme for SCs and STs.	1.75
*8.	Implementation of PCR Act and SCs and STs (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.	5.50
9.	Research & Training.	1.20
10.	Development of Oil Seeds and Oil of tree origin in tribal areas.	1.50
*11.	National SCs and STs Finance & Development Corporations.	10.00
12.	Grant-in-aid to TRIFED.	1.00
13.	price support to TRIFED	0.00
14.	Ashram Schools.	2.00
15.	Investment in TRIFED.	7.00
16.	Educational complex in low literacy pockets for development of women literacy in tribal areas	1.00
17.	Vocational Training in Tribal Areas.	1.00

(Rs. in crores)

S.No.	*Name of the Scheme*	*Allocation for 1992-93*
18.	Share capital to Starts Tribal Development Co-operative Corporation for MFPs.	2.00
	Total:	103.87
19.	Special Central Assistance for Tribal Sub-Plan.	250.00

* N.B. The Schemes are both for SCs and STs.

Flood and cyclone Relief

*521. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andaman and Nicobar Administration has sent any proposal to the Union Government for grant of Flood cyclone relief to the left-out cases as per the review list; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) A proposal has been received from the Andaman and Nicobar Administration for reconsidering Government of India's earlier decision on Inter sectoral changes in the ceilings of expenditure approved for flood/cyclone relief in 1988-89 and provision for payment of relief to 3058 leftout cases.

(b) The matter is under consideration of Government of India.

[*Translation*]

Pakistan Propaganda on Muslims In India

*522. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan is spreading false propaganda regarding Muslims in India;

(b) if so, the reaction of the government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken to counter this propaganda?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Pakistan's statements on the conditions of the Muslim community in India constitute an interference in our internal affairs and are unwarranted and unacceptable. Government's regret and concern at these statements have been conveyed to the Government of Pakistan on a number of occasions.

Indian's secular an democratic policy which guarantees the rights and welfare equally of all communities it universally recognised. Information in this regard is disseminated in other countries through the media and through diplomatic channels.

[*English*]

Cotton Production

* 523. SHRI MAHENDRA KUMAR SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the production of cotton during the Eighth Five-Year Plan;